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## **Columbus Police Memorial Ceremony**

The Columbus Division of Police will hold their annual Police Memorial ceremony on Thursday, May18, 2017, at 8:00 pm. Please join us in honoring our fallen officers at the Police Memorial located in Genoa Park, directly across from COSI.

This annual event, sponsored by the Columbus Division of Police Honor Guard, draws hundreds of people each year. The ceremony allows fellow officers, police retirees, family, friends and community members to pay respect to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in a noble profession entered by a chosen few. The service is an opportunity to recall the memory of fallen officers and understand the grief that touches everyone involved in law enforcement.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as "Police Week". Police Memorial Week was established to honor police officers who have died in the line of duty, and as a tribute to those who put their lives on the line to protect and serve their communities.

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